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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Examiner's first Office Action of December 28, 2005 the Applicant respectfully submits the accompanying Amendment to the claims and the below Remarks.

Regarding Amendment

In the Amendment:

independent claim 1 is amended to clarify that the claimed first and second portions of the inkjet printer are detachable from one another in a single operation. Support for this amendment can be found at page 5, lines 9-13, page 12, lines 9-17 and page 22, lines 6-16 of the present specification; and

dependent claims 2-7 are unchanged.

It is respectfully submitted that the above amendments do not add new matter to the present application.

Regarding 35 USC 102(b) Rejections

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of amended independent claim 1, and claims 2-4 and 6 dependent therefrom, is not disclosed by Silverbrook et al. (US 6,439,908), for at least the following reasons.

In the present invention, a method for facilitating maintenance of a printer is provided for an inkjet printer 2 formed by the detachable engagement of a print cartridge 6 having a pagewidth printhead 52 and a cradle 4, where the detachment is performed in a single operation (see page 5, lines 9-13, page 12, lines 9-17 and page 22, lines 6-16 of the present specification). Independent claim 1 has been amended to clarify this arrangement of the present invention.

On the other hand, Silverbrook discloses that a plurality of printhead modules 12, each having a single microelectromechanical chip 18 mounted to a support molding 26,28, are clipped 44 into a reservoir molding 32 housing an ink reservoir 16 to define a pagewidth printhead assembly 10. The reservoir molding itself is heat staked 90 to a chassis 14. Thus, the disclosed arrangement of Silverbrook requires individual removal of each printhead

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module from the reservoir molding in order to replace the printhead modules (see col. 2, lines 2-53 and col. 4, line 40-col. 5, line 23 of Silverbrook).

Thus, Silverbrook et al. does not disclose a method in which first and second portions of the inkjet printer are detachable from one another in a single operation, as is required by amended independent claim 1. Furthermore, the disclosure of Silverbrook does not teach or suggest one of ordinary skill in the art to modify the disclosed assembly, because Silverbrook specifically teaches that the modularity is provided by the clipping in of the individual modules into the reservoir molding.

Thus, the subject matter of amended independent claim 1, and claims 2-7 dependent therefrom, is not disclosed or suggested by Silverbrook.

Regarding 35 USC 103(a) Rejections

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of dependent claims 5 and 7 are not taught or suggested by Silverbrook in view of Waller et al. (US 6,250,738), for at least the following reasons.

Waller merely discloses a scalable inkjet printing system in which multiple, individual inkjet printhead dies are selectively mounted to a carrier substrate (see abstract of Waller).

Thus, the subject matter of amended independent claim 1, and claims 2-7 dependent therefrom, is not disclosed or suggested by Silverbrook either taken alone or in combination with Waller.

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It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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